

INFECTION CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

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Together our priority will be to raise the general public's awareness of the updated infection control standards, and what the consumer should expect when being serviced in a licensed salon or school.

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

Universal precautions should be used by all licensees. This means that licensees should treat all human blood and certain body fluids (fluids containing visible blood) as if it were infectious for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV) and other bloodborne pathogens regardless of the perceived "low risk" of the person(s) involved.

PERSONAL SERVICE WORKERS (PSW)

It is recommended that Personal Service Workers (licensees) wear gloves when a cut or open skin lesion is present on his/her hands; when disinfecting contaminated surfaces or implements; when disposing of or handling contaminated materials or laundry; and when working on a client who has a cut or open skin lesion on an area of the skin that the PSW may come in contact with while providing services.

PERSONAL CLEANLINESS

(PSW) should thoroughly wash their hands and the exposed portion of their arms with an antibacterial soap and warm water before starting work, before each client, after smoking, drinking, using the toilet, and even during the service, if the PSW and/or client sneezes or coughs during the service.

CLOTHING

Outer clothing should be clean and washable. While not required, Smocks are preferred as the outer clothing and should only be worn in the salon or school.

DISEASE AND TRANSMISSION

To prevent the transmission of diseases, effective infection control procedures should be used by all (PSW). Blood and body fluids may carry infectious viruses or bacteria that can produce the common cold, Herpes, Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Pneumonia, Tuberculosis (TB) and Human Immunodeficiency Disease (HIV/AIDS).

LABEL READING

Only an EPA registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal (germicide), fungicidal, and virucidal activity are approved to meet the minimum disinfection requirements for salons and schools. **READ THE LABEL BEFORE BUYING A DISINFECTANT TO BE SURE IT MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS!!!**

INSTRUMENTS/IMPLEMENTS DISINFECTION

You can clean without disinfecting but you can not disinfect without cleaning! Use these steps to disinfect: pre-clean, (scrub) with soap and water, rinse, disinfect, rinse and dry, store in dry sanitizer.

AIR

By using an EPA registered air spray that is bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal, suspended particles will be removed from the air.

NOTE: A copy of the Health and Safety Regulations or more information on infection control may be obtained from the Board's office.

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ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY Regulation 17-23-402

Section 1 -- Cosmetology Establishment - Certificate of Registration and License.

A) Enforcement

Any person, firm, or corporation conducting or operating a cosmetological establishment shall be responsible for compliance with the licensing code and rules and regulations of the Board governing cosmetological establishments. Failure to comply with the licensing code and rules and regulations shall be grounds for disciplinary actions.

B) Authorization

- 1) Any person, firm or corporation who has applied for a license to operate a cosmetological establishment will receive a letter authorizing the owner to operate the establishment, provided that the owner has certified compliance with the licensing code and the rules and regulations of the Board. This letter shall be conspicuously posted in the salon.
- 2) A letter of authorization to operate a cosmetology establishment will expire within twelve (12) months of the date of issuance and/or upon certification by a representative of the board that said salon is not in compliance with the licensing requirements.

C) Inspection of Facilities

The salon shall be inspected to determine compliance with the licensing code and rules and regulations governing cosmetology establishments. An establishment license will be issued upon receipt of a compliance inspection by a representative of the Board. Failure to comply with the licensing requirements will be grounds for disciplinary action and license denial.

D) Changes and Notification Requirements

- 1) **Name Change** - When the name of an established salon is changed from the name which appears on the original application, the owner of record shall file an application with the Board for approval and shall submit the required fee. Failure to comply with this section within 30 days of changing the name of the salon will be grounds for disciplinary action.
- 2) **Ownership Change** - A salon owner who sells or otherwise transfers ownership of said salon shall, within 10 days of said sale or transfer, notify the Board in writing, as to the name of the new owner and the effective date of said sale or transfer, file an application with the Board for approval and shall submit the required fee. A Bill of Sale shall be attached to the application. Failure to comply with this section shall be grounds for disciplinary action.
- 3) **Relocation** - When the location of an established salon is changed, it shall be classified as a new salon and said owner shall comply with the licensing code and regulations relating to the original issuance of a salon license.
- 4) **Closure** - Within thirty (30) days after a salon is closed, the owner shall notify the Board by certified mail of the closure and shall return the salon license to the Board.

Section 2 -- General Licensure Requirements for Salons

A) Display of Sign - Each salon shall display, in a conspicuous place visible from the outside, a sign stating the name of the salon.

B) Safety - Each salon shall be maintained in an orderly manner which will not create or be a fire or safety hazard.

C) Sale of Products

- 1) **Cosmetology Products** - A salon may offer, for sale, cosmetology products and related articles (combs, brushes, cosmetic implements, etc.)
- 2) **Other Products** - A salon offering other products for sale in the salon is prohibited from displaying said products in the working area or clinical area of the beauty salon. A salon is prohibited from displaying products that may cause an insanitary condition. Products that may be contaminated by environmental factors within the salon shall be packaged to preserve sanitary conditions.
- 3) **Classification of other Businesses.**
 - a) **Retail/Display Area** - The retail/display area in a salon shall not exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the floor space contained in the working or clinical area of the salon. If the retail/display area exceeds the specified footage said area will be classified as another type of business and shall be separated from said salon in accordance with the requirements specified in Subdivision D.
 - b) **Permits/Licensure** - Selling products, in a salon, that require the seller to hold a special permit or license by Federal or State authorities shall be classified as another type of business. Other types of businesses shall be separated from a salon in accordance with the requirements specified in Subdivision D.

D) Separation of Salon from other businesses

- 1) **Insanitary conditions** - A salon and any other type of business that may create an insanitary condition (for example, restaurant, grocery store, pet store, etc.) shall be physically separated by solid walls (from the floor to the ceiling) of permanent construction and shall not have doors or openings of any kind between the businesses. Further, the owner shall submit a document issued by the Arkansas Department of Health certifying that the ventilation system(s) of said businesses meets the minimum requirements of the Arkansas Department of Health.

2) **Other business not specified in Subdivision D (1).** A salon shall not be conducted with any other type of business or occupation, except the branch of

barbering as practiced by a licensed barber. A salon and any other type of business shall be physically separated by solid walls of permanent construction a minimum of seven (7) feet high.

a) **Barber Establishment License** - Any salon that permits a licensed barber to practice the vocation of barbering in the salon, shall also hold a barber establishment license issued by the Arkansas State Board of Barber Examiners.

E) Floor Space - Each salon shall contain a minimum of 168 square feet of floor space in the working area or clinical area as prescribed by A.C.A. Section 17-23-405 (c). A salon with more than one practitioner at any given time shall contain an additional fifty (50) square feet of floor space in the working area or clinical area for each additional practitioner.

F) Equipment

- 1) In addition to the minimum equipment specified in Board Regulation 17-23-401, Section 2, B (7), each salon shall have and maintain a sufficient number of towels, implements, instruments and equipment to ensure that contaminated items are not used on patrons.
- 2) Each salon shall have and maintain equipment that meets industry standards for the type of cosmetological services provided to patrons of the salon. The salon shall have and maintain adequate equipment to ensure health, safety and welfare of the patrons served in the salon.
- 3)\ Electrical and non-electrical equipment in each salon shall be maintained and tested periodically to determine that said equipment is functioning in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Equipment that is not operable or functioning in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications shall be repaired or discarded.
- 4) Appliances used for the preparation of food shall be prohibited in the working or clinical area or reception area. The use of said appliances is restricted to preparation of food for employees or practitioners working in the salon.